

## REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 16, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims and specification, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. The specification has been amended to more clearly describe the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action of November 16, 2004 contained an election of species requirement, requiring that the applicant elect to prosecute one of seven species which were allegedly disclosed in the application. The seven species are:

Species I, Illustrated in Figures 1-4;

Species: II, Illustrated in Figures 5a-b;

Species III, Illustrated in Figures 6-7b;

Species IV, Illustrated in Figures 8-9b;

Species V, Illustrated in Figures 10-11;

Species VI, Illustrated in Figure 12; and

Species VII, Illustrated in Figure 13

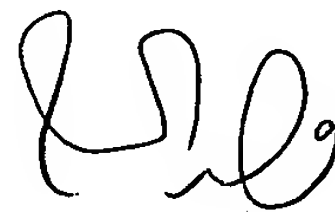
Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the subject matter of Species III , illustrated in Figures 6-7b. Furthermore, applicant submits that claims 1-5 and 7-9 are directed to

Species III. Applicant therefore respectfully requests timely consideration on the merits.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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